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Dear Sir:

This is in response to the non-final Office Action dated December 12, 2003 (Paper No. 20031117) for which a reply was due on March 12, 2004. Filed herewith is a Petition and fee for a three-month extension of time, thereby extending the deadline for response to June 12, 2004. Accordingly, this response is timely filed. Reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims, in light of the amendments and remarks presented herein are respectfully requested.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

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